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Applicant(s) : Derek L. Stemple, *et al.*  
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Docket No. : 18921-001 NATL  
Customer No. : 35437  
For : **METHOD FOR DIRECT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to submit a Supplemental Amendment and Remarks to Final Office Action dated May 23, 2005 and Advisory Action dated December 12, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before April 22, 2006. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: **18921-001 NATL**, Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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